

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Special Distribution

Preferential Arrangements
Among Developing Countries
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COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Meeting to be Held on 30 June 1982

The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its thirty-second meeting on 30 June 1982, at 10.30 a.m. in the Centre William Rappard, rue de Lausanne, Geneva. The meeting will also be open to delegations of countries having signed but not yet ratified the Protocol.

The following items have been proposed for inclusion in the agenda for the meeting:

1. Accession of Argentina (paragraphs 3-7 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/61)). The Committee took note, at its last meeting, of the current situation with respect to Argentina's application for accession to the Protocol and urged interested participating countries to make every effort to bring the negotiations to a mutually satisfactory conclusion. Members of the Committee may wish to review developments and exchange views on matters relevant to this agenda item.
2. Expansion of trade among developing countries (paragraphs 8-10 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/61)). In his summing up at the last meeting, the Chairman welcomed the interest which had been shown in carrying out an exchange of views on the possibilities under the Protocol for the further expansion of trade among developing countries. The Committee took note of the observations and suggestions which had been made in this respect, including the willingness of some members to enter into informal consultations on how a concrete effort could be made to enlarge the scope and coverage of the Protocol. The Committee agreed to retain this item on its agenda for future meetings. Members of the Committee might wish to review recent developments in this regard.
3. Rotation of officers (CPC/47)
4. Other business